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Going through my litany of questions, trying to sound as lawyerly and professional as I could, I asked, "Ma'm, did you give the police a statement?" "Yes" she answered. "What statement did you give them mam?" I asked. "I tolls 'em, 'git me outta' here!!!"

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**T**he psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

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A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

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"Dr. Eskin, Dr. Eskin, how can you be so calm?" cried the Benny.

"We're going to die on this lonely island. We'll never be discovered here."

"Sit down and listen to what I have to say, Benny," began the confident doctor. "Five years ago I gave the United Way \$500,000 and another \$500,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. I donated the same amounts four years ago. And, three years ago, since I did very well in the stock market, I contributed \$750,000 to each. Last year business was good again, so the two charities each got a million dollars."

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This explanation satisfied him for only a moment. Puzzled, he asked, "What's a Tupperware party, Dad?" I've always given my son honest answers, so I figured a simple explanation would be the best approach. "Well, Brian," I said, "at a Tupperware party, a bunch of ladies sit around and sell plastic bowls to each other."

Brian nodded, indicating that he understood this curious pastime. Then he burst into laughter. "Come on, Dad," he said. "What is it really?"

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One story was how he had developed his arm and shoulder muscles. He said he would stand outside behind the house and, with a 5 pound potato sack in each hand, extend his arms straight out from his sides and hold them there as long as he could.

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His buddy hung his head. "To tell you the truth, I forgot her name about ten years ago."

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The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great that they declared a National Day of Mourning, which they still observe to this day.

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People sometimes wondered what  
the man was doing up there, but  
nobody ever went to find out.

Then suddenly one day, the  
"Mountain Man" started down  
from the mountain heading to the  
town.

Word spread and everybody was  
extremely curious to see what this  
man had to say, and by the time he  
had arrived, everyone in the town  
had gathered to see him. When the  
man had reached the crowd, he  
stopped and greeted them.

A reporter approached the man and  
asked, "What were you doing on  
the mountain for fifty years?"

The man replied, "I was meditating  
on the meaning of life."

"Well, what have you decided  
about the meaning of life?"

The man took a deep breath,  
opened his arms to the heavens  
and in a deep voice said, "Life is  
like a TOMATO."

The crowd went silent as  
everybody attempted to understand  
this strange notion.

Suddenly a man from the back of  
the crowd shouted, "Hey, but life  
isn't like a tomato!"

The old man dwelled upon this  
statement for a few moments and  
then replied casually, "OK, it  
isn't."

**A** newspaper writer, after  
working for 7 long years,  
was finally granted two  
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kind offer.

The boss asked him why.

The newspaper writer said there  
are 2 reasons.

"The first," he said "is that I  
thought by taking such a long leave  
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The boss asked him what is the  
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"The other reason," replied the  
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